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YEAR BEGINS WITH NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION APPROACH

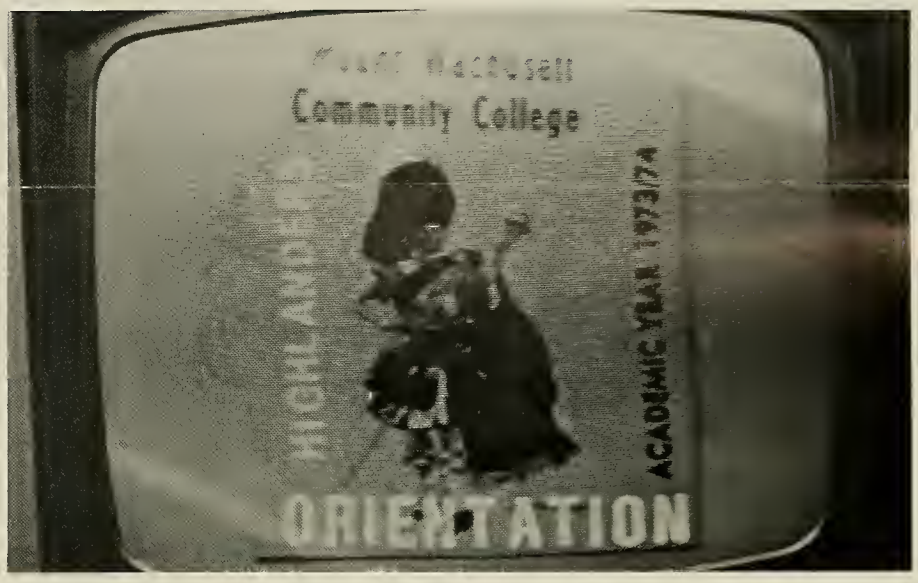
The 650 new students entering Mt. Wachusett Community College this fall experienced an innovative approach to college orientation. The students were divided into three groups with each section participating on a separate day. As the first step in the orientation process, the students viewed three videotapes prepared over the summer by the college's counseling staff and electronic technician Thomas Milligan.

Last Spring the Faculty Executive Committee requested that the Student Personnel Services Division devise an alternative approach to the traditional auditorium lecture orientation. It was decided that the videotape presentation shown in a classroom with the faculty advisor, participating with his advisees, would be the best manner to give the student the maximum amount of information in the minimum amount of time.

The faculty advisor was present to answer questions and help solve problems, according to co-initiator and counselor Barbara Oatman, and hopefully the programs changed the fact that some students in the past would not know the name of the Dean of Students after a year of attending college.

After being presented the program, it is hoped that the students now not only know Dean Hogan, but also the other administrators and student government representatives who appeared via tape. Among these were David W. Halvorsen, Assistant Dean of Students, who is in charge of the athletic program and extra-curricular activities. Mr. Halvorsen urged freshman to become involved in athletics as "a large part of education takes place outside the classroom". Registrar Armand Landry explained the functions of his office, which include maintaining academic records and handling the paper work of class scheduling and registration.

The college counselors, Robert Gilman, Phebe Smith, Barbara Oatman and Bob St. Cyr "try to provide information important for survival", as Mr. Gilman stated on his segment of the tapes. "We wanted the students to realize that we have expertise in problem solving and we tried to encourage them to visit us and utilize our services," added Gilman.



The television medium played an important role in MWCC's new approach to college orientation. College officials, counselors, and student organization representatives appeared in three video-tape segments aired over the college's closed circuit facilities. Please turn to pages 4 and 5 for additional orientation photographs.

Stanley T. Moak, Assistant Dean of Administration, and Financial Aid Coordinator explained his function and suggested that the students come to him with any questions about finances and bills.

The student body was well represented in the program. Sophomore class president, Michael Greenwood, spoke to the freshmen about student government and described some of the social events which take place during the year. He urged students who were interested to take out "nomination papers for offices in the upcoming election". The editor of the school paper, and other active students were heard from, and all of whom urged the new students to "get involved".

The concluding portion of the tape was a short orientation to the Learning Resources Center, and in particular to the library. This segment attempted to acquaint the student with the fundamentals of library and media use, such as using the card catalog and periodical indexes, being aware of the large recreational record collection, and the inter-library loan service.

The second portion of the innovative orientation activities began at the conclusion of the last tape when the new students were bused to the Boy Scout's Camp Collier in Gardner. Camp Collier's lake-side location and sunny skies provided the ideal setting for a picnic lunch and the remainder of the afternoon's activities.

The Student Personnel Services staff and student leaders under the direction of Counselor Bob Gilman conducted the human development module scheduled for the afternoon based on a pilot program used by North Shore Community College. According to Gilman, the purposes of the exercises were to help the students to communicate with each other.

Gilman says that "Many of us find it difficult to communicate with people we have just met. Exercises were developed to help us break down some of those walls and bar-

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ST. CYR ELECTED N.E.J.C.S.P.S. PRES.

ROBERT ST. CYR

Counselor Robert St. Cyr has recently been elected President of the New England Junior College Student Personnel Association. He will assume office on October 26, 1973 at the Association's Annual Fall Meeting.

Bob first became involved in N.E. J.C.S.P.A. in 1970 while working as an Assistant Dean of Students at Worcester Junior College. He was appointed to serve on the Workshop Planning Commitee and his involvement and commitment in the organization led to elective office. Last year as Vice President, Bob organized and oversaw all N.E.J.C.S.P.A. conferences.

The organization was founded in 1968 by a group of dedicated student personnel leaders. The purposes of N.E.J.C.S.P.A. are to serve as a professional organization for those people involved in student personnel, guidance, and counseling in community colleges, junior colleges, technical colleges and institutes, and all other two-year degree granting institutions; to conduct in-service training programs for those involved in junior colleges and in the communities they serve; advancing high standards of professional conduct; and conducting New England regional meetings to meet the professional needs of the membership.

This fall's meeting will be held on October 26, 1973 at the Sheraton Tobacco Valley Inn on Route 91 outside of Hartford, Connecticut. The topic for the conference is **The Adult: Educational and Personal Needs.** The main speaker will be Joseph Greenberg, a foremost authority in Continuing Education. Some of the topics which will be discussed are: The Needs of Veterans, Women Returning to School, Minority Adults in Education and the Continuing Education Role.

SIX NEW FACULTY MEMBERS JOIN STAFF

Dean of Faculty, John H. Bassett, reports that six new faculty members have joined the MWCC staff this fall. Three of the new instructors will be in the Health Care Division, which is beginning its second year.

Those professors appointed to the Health Care Division are Associate Professor George Frazee, Associate Professor Sara Kajel, and Assistant Professor Paula d'Entremont.

Professor Frazee is a native of Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada. He completed his undergraduate work at Gordon College, Wenham, Massachusetts in 1957 and graduated from McLean Hospital School of Nursing in Belmont, Massachusetts in 1961. Through part time/evening study programs, he earned his Masters Degree in Rehabilitation Nursing in August 1972.

Mr. Frazee has an extensive background, including teaching, at the McLean Hospital School of Nursing, the Newton - Wellesley Hospital School of Nursing and at the Somerville School of Nursing. He has been employed as a staff nurse at the Boston Veterans Hospital, head nurse at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital and Supervisor of Nurses at Newton-Wellesley Hospital.

Associate Professor Sara Kajel, a native of Hungary, earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Simmons College in 1959, a Masters of Education in 1967 from Boston State College and a Masters of Science in 1968 from Boston University.

She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau—the National Honor Society of Nursing, Massachusetts Nurses Association, American Nurses Association, the Nurses Association of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the American Association of Mental Retardation.

Professor Kajel has had extensive teaching and clinical nursing experience, as well as public health nursing. She resides in Hubbardston.

Assistant Professor Paula d'Entremont received her R.N. from the Henry Heywood Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in 1959. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Boston University in 1965, and her Master of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Massachusetts in 1970.

Her teaching experience includes serving as clinical instructor at the Henry Heywood Memorial Hospital, nursing instructor at the Gardner State Hospital School of Practical Nursing, and Clinical Instructor in Psychiatric Nursing at Fitchburg State Hospital.

Mrs. d'Entremont has been employed as staff nurse and assistant head nurse at the Henry Heywood Memorial Hospital, in-service Director at Gardner State Hospital, and staff nurse at Franklin County Public Hospital. She resides in Gardner with her husband and their two daughters.

Miss Diane Wilkinson and Mr. Daniel Donovan have been appointed instructors in the college's Division of Business Administration. Professor Wilkinson hails from River Forest, Illinois. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics from Rosary College, River Forest, Illinois and her Master of Science Degree in Mathematics from the University of Illinois.

At the University she was honored to be a Fellow in Mathematics. She has received a two-year grant from the U.S. Office of Education for a special program emphasizing teacher training for the community college teacher.

Miss Wilkinson's area of specialty is data processing and she is particularly interested in computer assisted instruction.

Mr. Donovan currently resides in Gardner with his wife Carol Anne. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Management from Lowell Technological Institute and his Masters of Business Administration from the University of Massachusetts. He is a Doctoral candidate at the University of Kentucky, where he is the recipient of a research fellowship. His area of concentration is organizational behavior.

During the period 1972-1973 Mr. Donovan has served as the Cooperative Education Director in the Billerica School System. In this capacity he was responsible for developing and implementing a new work experience program in the senior high school. He acted as liaison between the school system and the industrial community.

In 1971 Professor Donovan served as the Assistant Coordinator of the greater Lowell "Summer Jobs for '71" Program. In 1972 he was co-chairman of the Greater Lowell Career Guidance Institute sponsored by the Lowell Chamber of Commerce. The primary objective of the program was to develop programs that would increase the awareness of educators and employers of the requirements of career preparation for students. He also served in 1972 as the co-chairman of the Greater Lowell Career Day, an information program of career seminars conducted by area

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Frank Hirons Appointed Director of Media Services

Dr. Arthur Haley has announced the appointment of Frank Hirons as Director of Media Services Mr. Hirons has an extensive background in the photographic and electronic media. His new duties include supervision of the college's audio and video production facilities as well as all phases of instructional media utilized by the college's staff.

Mr. Hirons holds a Bachelor of Science degree with honors in the Creative Techniques of Motion Pictures and Visual Education from Boston University and has completed his course work for a masters degree from the same institution in Communicative Arts. He has also taught courses in photography at Boston University.

Before coming to Mt. Wachusett, Mr. Hirons owned and operated a commercial and industrial photography business in Gardner, where he resides with his wife and five children.

The new Media Director has over 20 years of service as an Air Force public information officer. Currently, he serves as a public relations officer for the Massachusetts Air National Guard's 102nd Fighter Interceptor Wing at Otis Air Force Base. During the Vietnam conflict, Mr. Hirons was cited by both the Department of the Army and the Air Force for his motion picture work in South East Asia.

Mr. Hirons has a long history of civic and public service. He has served as Gardner's Inspector of Weights and Measures as well as eight years as a member of the Massachusetts Consumers Council. Currently, he is the Disaster Co-Chairman of the Gardner Chapter of the Red Cross and serves as a committeeman for Gardner's Boy Scout Troop 5.

FRANK HIRONS

3 STUDENTS RECEIVE ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATES

Professor Otto W. Eckardt of the Science and Technology Division announced that three members of the class of 1973 successfully completed the Engineer Technician examination for certification.

Dennis Cormier of Gardner and Dennis Jordan of Townsend passed the examination in Mechanical Engineering Technology with scores nearly double the national average. John Riley of Fitchburg successfully passed the examination in Electrical Engineering Technology.

It has long been recognized that significant advances in technology are the result of teamwork in which the engineer, the scientist, the technician and the craftsman are brought together in a productive relationship. Engineers and scientists have legal and/or professional requirements for membership in societies that serve their professional needs and provide recognition of their qualifications, attainment, and interests.

It has been a matter of concern to engineers that there was no universally recognized acceptable procedure to provide recognition for the qualified engineering technician in response to this concern, the National Society of Professional Engineers established the Institute for the Certification of Engineering Technicians in 1961.

An engineering technician is one who, in support of and under the direction of professional engineers or scientists, can carry out in a responsible manner either proven techniques, which are common knowledge among those who are technically expert in a particular technology, or those techniques especially prescribed by professional engineers.

Performance as an engineering technician requires the application of principles, methods, and techniques appropriate to a field of technology, combined with practical knowledge of the construction, application, properties, operation, and limitations of engineering systems, processes, structures, machinery, devices, or materials, and, as required, related manual crafts, instrumental, mathematical or graphic skills.

Under professional direction, an engineering technician analyzes and solves technological problems, prepares formal reports on experiments, tests, and other similar projects or carries out functions such as drafting, surveying, technical sales, advising consumers, technical writing, teaching or training.

An engineering technician need not have an education equivalent in type, scope, and rigor to that required of an engineer; however, he must have a more theoretical education with greater mathematical depth, and experience over a broader field than is required of skilled craftsmen who often work under his supervision.

President Arthur F. Haley stated "These graduates and their families can be proud of the distinction they have achieved in being certified as engineering technicians. This is a qualification that has major importance in our complex technical world. There is a major demand for their skills and services."

NEW FACULTY . . .

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businessmen for high school sophomores.

Assistant Professor Theresa Twombly will be in the Division of Social Sciences where she will teach Sociology. Miss Twombley received her Bachelor of Arts. degree from Northeastern University in 1962 and her Masters from Cornell University in 1967. At Cornell, she was engaged in a campus related research project and since then has designed and worked on several research efforts. One of these projects was at Susquehanna University, Pennsylvania relating to elimination of discrimination.

Prior to undertaking sociology studies Miss Twombly studied electrical engineering at Northeastern University and worked in the electromechanical drafting field for 12 years.

Campus Notes

On September 22, Professor Joseph Ruth, Chairman of the Business Division, and Tom Malloy of the Social Sciences Division, attended the fall meeting of the Council for the Preservation of Military Posts (CAMP).

The meeting was held at Ford Rodman in New Bedford. Fort Rodman was completed as a coastal defense in 1863. During the meeting Tom Malloy was appointed vice-president of C.A.M.P. in New England; Professor Ruth is the out-going president of the New England branch of the organization.

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Once again the Art Curriculum is sponsoring a Visual Arts Film Series that is open to the public. There is no admission charge.

Films on Jack Tworkow and Jasper Johns were shown on October 9. The films "Dada", "Surrealism" and "From Renoir to Picasso" are scheduled for November 13.

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ORIENTATION HUMAN DEVELOPMENT MODULE PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH OPPORTUNITY TO BREAK DOWN COMMUNICATION BARRIERS

This year's orientation modules were blessed by three days of excellent September weather and the ideal lake-side setting of the Boy Scout's Camp Collier in Gardner. The in-coming students were bused to the Camp, served a hearty picnic lunch and had their ID photos taken before the afternoon's activities began.

Trust must be developed within a group before the communication walls and barriers can be broken down. In this exercise an individual is asked to stand in the center of a small circle, close his eyes, and trust others to catch him as he falls and is pushed from side to side by the members of the group.

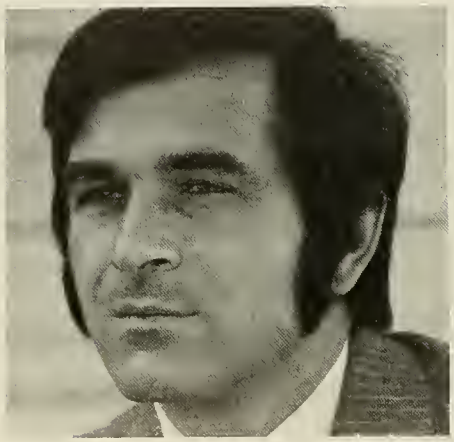
Professor Carl Tammi and a freshman student sit back to back in one of the first verbal exercises of the module. From this experience the participants earn a greater awareness of some of the basic problems in communication on a one-to-one basis.

Before the students began their individual group exercises, Bob Gilman demonstrated the difficulty of communicating with people when you have just met. Here Bob is asking the crowd to imagine that he is a Martian who has just landed on earth and wants to know what to do with a package of cigarettes.

These two freshmen students were asked by their group leader to move their hands around without touching each other. At the completion of this exercise the students are asked questions which help them to gain insight into themselves and their actions such as "Who took charge?" "Why did or didn't I follow?"

At the end of the exercises the students and participating faculty members discussed the day's activities, shared the lessons learned from the module, and were given a chance to evaluate the experience.

Lawyer-Author and Mime Troup First D. V. S. Presentations of Year



JOSEPH SORRENTINO

MIMIKA

MWCC's Distinguished Visitors Series is kicking off the season with two varied and exciting offerings, Joseph Sorrentino and the mime troup Mimika.

On October 10 Joseph Sorrentino captivated the audience with his "The Odyssey of a Dropout", the story of his life. The successful lawyer and author has appeared on many major network talk programs.

But Joe Sorrentino was not always a respected member of society. As Joe describes it, he was in trouble for 20 out of his 34 years. Born in a tough Brooklyn section, he became the leader of a street gang, was a four-time high school dropout, and went through 30 dead-end jobs.

By the age of 20, Sorrentino had served time in a New York reformatory, Raymond Street Jail, Marine Brig and Paris Island's Padded Cell for Incorrigibles.

As a rebellious Marine, Sorrentino was discharged for bad conduct. He also attempted to be a boxer, but his career was cut shot when he heeded the warning of the punch drunk disfigured boxers, who inhabited the gym.

He says the change in his life came when he had an impulse to sign up for Erasmus Night High School upon seeing a sign, "Register Now. Free." Joe enrolled, fell in love with learning, and graduated with the highest average in the history of the school. Realizing his only hope was through education, he went on to the University of California, where he became student body president and graduated magna cum laude, then reenlisted in the Marines to take the black mark off his record.

In 1967 he graduated as Valedictorian from Harvard Law School, and his speech there moved the nation. "Do not look for love, tragedy, or trauma to explain the change," he told a spellbound audience of 20,000 people. "It was simply a resolution within."

"I had seen my best friend's head blown off by the Mafia. Religion and my parents helped me not to become a Mafioso, which is what some of my boyhood friends have become. I saw that if I continued to be a fighter, I'd be a human relic. Or I'd be in prison. So I had a flicker of awareness and it was a transition in terms of resolution within."

In spite of his strong criticisms of American institutions—the judicial, penal and educational—he feels his story also says something positive about America. "With all its faults, shams, and deficits, this is still a land of unique opportunity. Nowhere else in the world would I have been given so many chances."

But Sorrentino's main theme was about the individual. "Social scientists cannot measure human potential," he said. "Environment cannot destroy human aspiration. For the human spirit will remain the individual's inscrutable last refuge of defiance. He will always have the freedom to achieve his dreams and says: 'I am the arbiter of my own destiny.' "

Mimika will be appearing on November 7 at 8:00 p.m. at Gardner High School auditorium Like all Distinguished Visitor Committee presentations, it is free and open to the Greater Gardner Community.

The group uses the American mime tradition of Chaplin and the French mime tradition of Marceau to create a unique pantomime experience. Mime or pantomime (the terms have different meanings to the artist, but are often interchangeable to the audience) is perhaps the only truly universal art form.

From Kabuki to the modern theater, mime has best been employed for the eloquent expression of those emotions and experiences too exclusive for words. Gardner is sure to enjoy Mimaka as they create a visual poetry woven from silence and movement.

"How To Finance A College Education" Is Again Presented To Area Schools

Dean of Students John Hogan and Director of Financial Aid Stanley Moak are again presenting Mt. Wachusett's unique program "How to Finance a College Education." The speakers discuss not only federally funded financial aid programs, but also the Massachusetts State Scholarship Program, the Massachusetts Higher Education Loan Program and tuition payment plan.

Last spring this program was conceived as meeting a community need. Both Dean Hogan and Mr. Moak had observed that all too few students—let alone parents—have any knowledge of the large array of sources that are available to help pay for a college education.

Dr. Arthur Haley, President of Mt. Wachusett Community College, recently pointed out, "In the senior year in high school, students and their parents make one of the single largest financial decisions of their lives, exclusive of course of the cost of a home or business. They face a decision of college and the attendant costs."

"A four-year college education represents an investment of $8,500 to $24,000, depending on whether they select a public or private institution. Surely, the parent should be provided the means to learn of the variety of assistance programs available. That's why our Director of Financial Aid developed this original community service program."

The first presentation of this unique lecture was made to a crowd of nearly 200 at Wachusett Regional High School in Holden. The program is also scheduled to be presented to the following high schools during October: St. Bernards, Fitchburg; Nashoba Regional, Bolton; Groton High School; Clinton High School; Tahanto Regional, Boylston; Fitchburg High School; Lowell High and West Boylston Jr.-Sr. High School.

According to Dean of Administration Richard P. Jeffrey, construction of MWCC's new campus is now 72% completed and the contractor is slightly ahead of schedule. The September, 1974 occupancy of the facility is still planned.

Clifton Reed Is New Day Education Director At Devens

President Arthur F. Haley has announced the appointment of Mr. Clifton Reed as the Director, Day Educational Programs at Fort Devens.

Mr. Reed, a native of Memphis, Tennessee, retired with the rank of Captain from the United States Air Force in 1968. As a pilot in the Air Force he flew F-86's, F-94's, and F-102's. Mr. Reed served in the Far East, the Continental United States, and Newfoundland.

His Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Maryland was earned while he was on active duty. In 1971 Mr. Reed received a Master of Education degree from Boston State College. Mr. Reed now resides in Burlington, Massachusetts with his wife Delores and daughter Roslyn.

Since 1968 he has taught in the public schools of Dracut and Wilmington. He has also served as an Educational Supervisor in the Massachusetts State Department of Education. In his new role, Mr. Reed will be totally responsible for the operation of the Servicemen's Opportunity College (SOC) program and the Predischarge Education Program (PREP) at Fort Devens.

The SOC is a morning program conducted at Fort Devens for active duty servicemen, their dependents, veterans, and members of the greater Fort Devens civilian community. The primary objective of SOC is to provide an associate degree for active duty servicemen. It is of special interest to note that Mount Wachusett Community College will consider military educational experience as fulfilling part of the degree requirements. In this regard, special empasis is placed upon meeting the unique and individual needs of the serviceman.

The secondary objective of the SOC program is to provide a collegiate educational experience for those individuals who are unable to commute to the main campus in Gardner or take advantage of the Evening Division operation conducted at Fort Devens.

Orientation...

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riers. It was a chance for people to free themselves from their hangups and feel free to join others."

"The activities and exercises," Gilman continues, "use group dynamic techniques but it is not an encounter group. It provided the students with an opportunity to learn about themselves by placing them in one of the few situations in life in which an individual is encouraged to let it all hang out and not care what others may be thinking about them."

"The students were divided into groups of 12 to 14, each with two group leader participants. They began with exercises utilizing the least threatening types of communication progressing from non-verbal to verbal communication on a one-to-one basis and working up to communication on a group level."

Gilman says that the overwhelming reaction to the orientation day's activities were favorable. "At the very least, the student will begin the school year by knowing the fourteen students in his groups and hopefully, this openess in communicating with others will carry over in their daily life. Each time I participate in such a module, I learn something about myself. I'm sure that most of the students experienced a similar reaction," Gilman concludes.

President and Mrs. Haley held the First Annual Faculty Wives and Female Teachers Tea at the Heywood Hospital Nurses Home on September 30. Mrs. Mary Ellen Murphy was in charge of arrangements, Mrs. Frances Hogan and Mrs. Winifred Jeffrey poured, assisted by Mrs. Janet Halvorson.

Left-Right, Seated Mrs. Frances Hogan, Mrs. Mary Haley (Standing), Mrs. Mary Ellen Murphy and Mrs. Diane Willhauck.

ATTORNEY GENERAL QUINN SPEAKS AT MWCC PRESS DINNER

14th Worcester District State Representative Raymond LaFontaine (left) and Dr. Arthur Haley (right) are pictured greeting guest speaker Attorney General Robert Quinn at MWCC's annual press banquet.

Massachusetts Attorney General Robert Quinn was the featured speaker as Mt. Wachusett Community College honored the press at a 10th anniversary dinner. In introducing guest speaker Quinn, Dr. Haley praised the members of the press for their outstanding cooperation and coverage of the college's wide range of activities.

Attorney General Quinn was outspoken in his plea to the press to exercise careful judgement in the use of what's described as the "absolute power of the press." He cited examples of how an indicted person's reputation is almost destroyed by the reporting of the press before his case comes to trial.

The Attorney General also commented at length on the defeat of the newsman's shield law in the past legislative session. He attributed the bills failure to the inflexibility of those supporting the measure.

An undeclared candidate for the office of Governor, Quinn's response to the newsmen's question's about his future plans was guarded.

Student Parking Fines Help Scholarship Funds

On February 9, 1973 the Massachusets Board of Community Colleges adopted a uniform set of traffic rules and regulations for the Commonwealth's fifteen Community Colleges. These traffic regulations became a part of the operational mode of Mount Wachusett Community College this September.

To enforce these new traffic rules, eight members of the College staff have been deputized as special police officers in accordance with the General Laws, Chapter 147, Section 10-G. Their commissions provide them with the authority to not only enforce traffic regulations but also to make arrests for criminal offenses committed in or upon the lands or structures of the college.

All fines imposed will be payable to the Clerk of the First District Court of Gardner. The fines and penalties will be accounted for by the Clerk of Court and forwarded to the State Treasurer and deposited in a special fund to be known as The Regional Community College Scholarship Fund. These monies will be used for the purpose of granting scholarships to worthy students as the Board determines.

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MWCC's Botany classes will be taking three field trips around New England this month to observe the regions flora first-hand. Visits are scheduled to "the bog" in Ashburnham, the sea coast off of Portland, Maine, and the White Cedar Swamp on Cape Cod.

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